

October 28, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

RE: Nomination for state consumer advocate representative – USAC

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA),<sup>1</sup> hereby nominates Mr. Jeffrey Jay Waller to be the representative of state consumer advocates on the board of directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company.

<sup>1</sup> NASUCA is a voluntary association of 58 consumer advocate offices. NASUCA members represent the interests of utility consumers in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Barbados and Jamaica. NASUCA's full members are designated by the laws of their respective jurisdictions to represent the interests of utility consumers before state and federal regulators and in the courts. Members operate independently from state utility commissions. Some NASUCA member offices are separately established advocate organizations while others are divisions of larger state agencies (e.g., the state Attorney General's office). NASUCA's associate and affiliate members also represent the interests of utility consumers but are not created by state law or do not have statewide authority. Some NASUCA member offices advocate in states whose respective state commissions do not have jurisdiction over certain telecommunications issues. For more information about NASUCA please visit our website at www.NASUCA.org

As can be seen in the attached resume, Mr. Waller has an extensive legal background with the Alaska Attorney General's office. Mr. Waller is the Chief Assistant Attorney General for the Regulatory Affairs & Public Advocacy Section (RAPA) of the Alaska Office of the Attorney General. Pursuant to state statute, RAPA appears before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska when the attorney general determines that participation is in the public interest. Since Mr. Waller joined RAPA in 2012 he has been the attorney responsible for all telecommunication-related dockets. Prior to moving to Alaska, Jeff's legal work included being outside counsel for electric, water, and wastewater utilities in the South Pacific.

NASUCA believes that Mr. Waller is highly qualified to serve on USAC's board of directors. USAC provides important services to consumers in Alaska. NASUCA offers its unqualified nomination in support of Mr. Waller's appointment.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Schuling (NASUCA President)

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Cc: -Jeffrey Waller, Chief Assistant Alaska Attorney General, Regulatory Affairs & Public Advocacy Section (RAPA)

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#### EDUCATION

### Texas Tech University School of Law

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2000
Class Rank: 13/192, GPA: 3.522
Law Review—Associate Editor, Articles Editor
Member of Board of Barristers
Member of Order of the Coif
Law Review Comment, Federal Rules of Evidence
413-415: "Laws Are Like Medicine: They Generally
Cure an Evil by a Lesser . . . Evil" Published in Texas
Tech Law Review, Vol. 30, Book 4, 1999
Jurisprudence Awards: Environmental Law, Sports Law,
Civil Procedure, Property, Immigration Law, Marital
Property, Trial Advocacy and Commercial Law

## Texas A&M University at Texarkana/Texarkana College

Bachelor of Business Administration December 1996 Graduate; GPA: 3.92 Magna Cum Laude Member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda

### LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

6/2012 to present Chief assistant attorney general State of Alaska, Office of the Attorney General Regulatory Affairs and Public Advocacy Section 1031 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 269-5187

5/07 to 5/2012 Senior associate attorney at Holmes Weddle & Barcott, P.C. 701 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 700 Anchorage, Alaska 99501 (907) 274-0666

Debt collection litigation; Workers' Compensation; Administrative law; Construction law; Insurance defense; General litigation; Real property; Landlordtenant; Wills and estates; Admiralty and maritime; Appellate practice

12/02 to 3/07 Associate attorney at Hall and Associates P.O. Box 2506 Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799 (684) 699-3131